PART 1214—KIWIFRUIT RESEARCH, PROMOTION, AND CONSUMER INFORMATION ORDER

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§ 1214.200 General.

A referendum to determine whether eligible producers and importers favor the issuance of a proposed Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order shall be conducted in accordance with this subpart.

§ 1214.201 Definitions.

Unless otherwise defined in this section, the definition of terms used in this subpart shall have the same meaning as the definitions in the Order.

- (a) Administrator means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, with power to redelegate, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in the Administrator's stead.
- (b) *Order* means the Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order.
- (c) Referendum agent or agent means the individual or individuals designated by the Secretary to conduct the referendum.

- (d) Representative period means the period designated by the Secretary.
- (e) *Person* means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other legal entity. For the purpose of this definition, the term "partnership" includes, but is not limited to:
- (1) A husband and wife who has title to, or leasehold interest in, kiwifruit production facilities and equipment as tenants in common, joint tenants, tenants by the entirety, or, under community property laws, as community property, and
- (2) So-called "joint ventures," wherein one or more parties to the agreement, informal or otherwise, contributed capital and others contributed labor, management, equipment, or other services, or any variation of such contributions by two or more parties so that it results in the production or importation of kiwifruit and the authority to transfer title to the kiwifruit so produced or imported.
- (f) Eligible producer means any person or entity defined as a producer who produced 500 pounds or more of kiwifruit during the representative period and who:
- (1) Owns or shares in the ownership of kiwifruit production facilities and equipment resulting in the ownership of the kiwifruit produced;
- (2) Rents kiwifruit production facilities and equipment resulting in the ownership of all or a portion of the kiwifruit produced;
- (3) Owns kiwifruit production facilities and equipment but does not manage them and, as compensation, obtains the ownership of a portion of the kiwifruit produced; or
- (4) Is a party in a landlord-tenant relationship or a divided ownership arrangement involving totally independent entities cooperating only to produce kiwifruit who share the risk of loss and receive a share of the kiwifruit produced. No other acquisition of legal title to kiwifruit shall be deemed to result in persons becoming eligible producers.
- (g) Eligible importer means any person or entity defined as an importer who imported 10,000 pounds or more during the representative period. Importation occurs when commodities originating